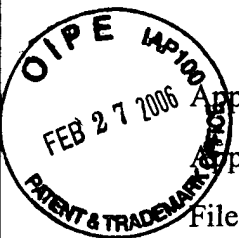


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

February 24, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response in the above-identified application.

X No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	26	-	27	=	0	x	50	=	0
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	200	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

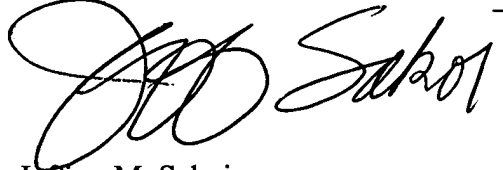
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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